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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

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| Applicant's or agent's file reference<br>PHGB040029                                                                              | <b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>                                                           | See item 4 below                                                        |
| International application No.<br>PCT/IB2005/050346                                                                               | International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> )<br>27 January 2005 (27.01.2005) | Priority date ( <i>day/month/year</i> )<br>29 January 2004 (29.01.2004) |
| International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated)<br>See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237 |                                                                                     |                                                                         |
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| 1.                                  | This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                 |           |                     |                                     |            |          |                          |             |                                                                                                  |                          |            |                            |                                     |           |                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |            |                         |                          |             |                                                  |                          |              |                                                       |
| 2.                                  | This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.<br><br>In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                 |           |                     |                                     |            |          |                          |             |                                                                                                  |                          |            |                            |                                     |           |                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |            |                         |                          |             |                                                  |                          |              |                                                       |
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| 4.                                  | The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis .2).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                 |           |                     |                                     |            |          |                          |             |                                                                                                  |                          |            |                            |                                     |           |                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |            |                         |                          |             |                                                  |                          |              |                                                       |

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**1. Statement**

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| Novelty (N)                   | Yes: Claims | 1-13 |
|                               | No: Claims  |      |
| Inventive step (IS)           | Yes: Claims | 1-13 |
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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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